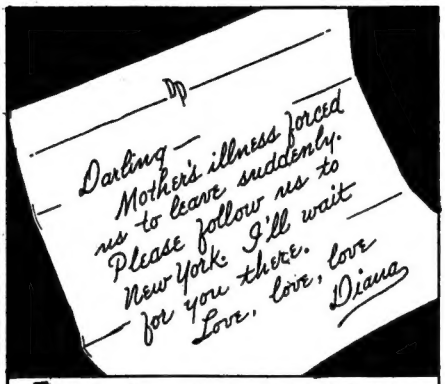

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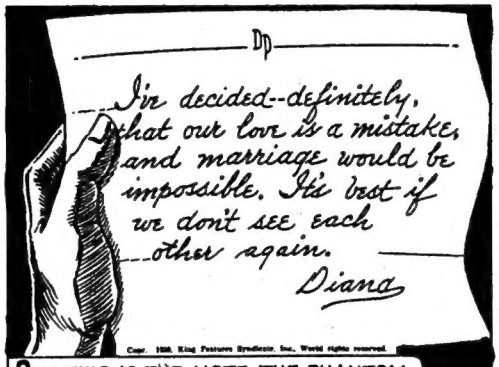
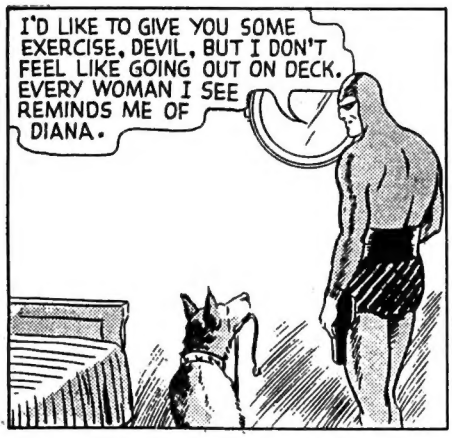
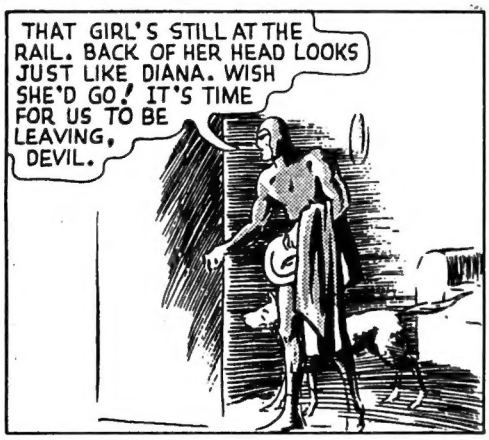


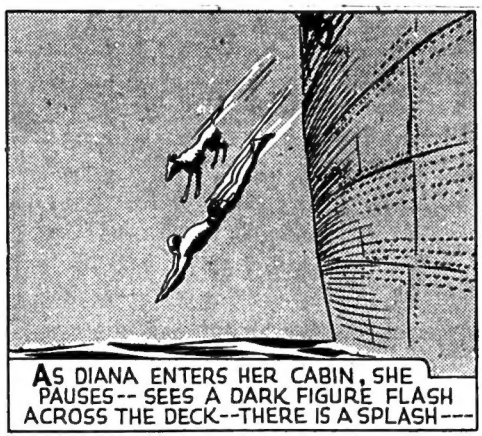
BUT THIS IS THE NOTE THE PHANTOM RECEIVED--WRITTEN BY DIANA'S MOTHER, WHO DISAPPROVED OF DIANA'S LOVE AFFAIR.

NOW DIANA IS BOUND FOR THE ORIENT--

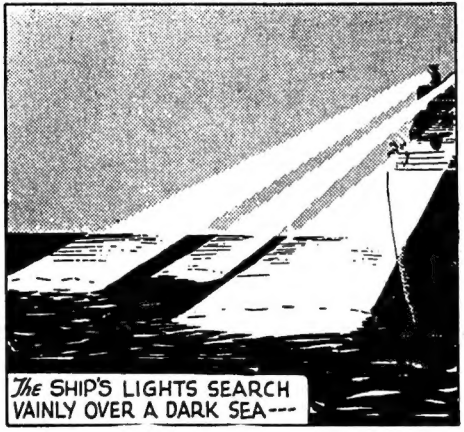
AND IN A SECLUDED CABIN ON THE **SAME** SHIP IS THE PHANTOM--NOT DREAMING THAT DIANA IS WITHIN A FEW YARDS OF HIM!

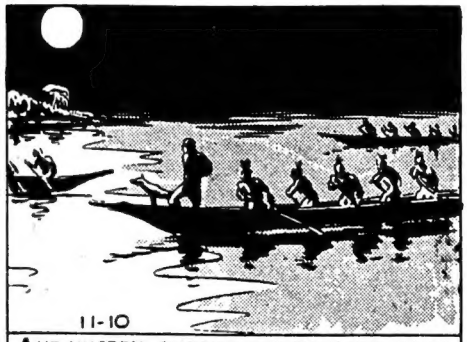






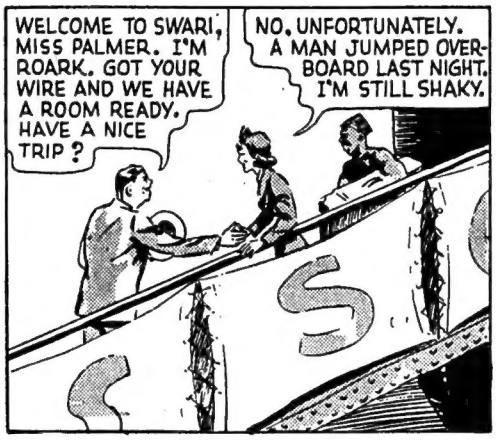
AS DIANA ENTERS HER CABIN, SHE PAUSES-- SEES A DARK FIGURE FLASH ACROSS THE DECK--THERE IS A SPLASH---

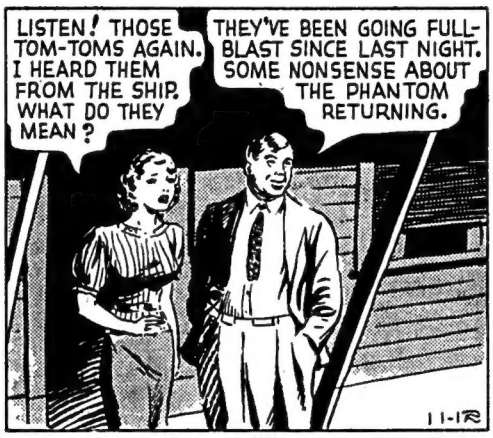




AND UNSEEN, SLIPPING THROUGH THE DARKNESS, IS A GROUP OF NATIVE CANOES THAT HAVE HAVE COME TO WELCOME THE RETURN OF THE PHANTOM--*LORD of the JUNGLE!*

TOM-TOMS THROB THROUGH THE JUNGLES, PIGMIES, TALL MOUNTAINEERS --ALL THE JUNGLE PEOPLE --UNITE TO WELCOME THE RETURN OF THE PHANTOM!





MR. ROARK, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE ME INTO THE JUNGLE. I MUST FIND THE PHANTOM.
FIND THE PHANTOM? YOU'RE QUITE A KIDDER, MISS PALMER.

AT LEAST, SEND A RUNNER TO TELL HIM I'M HERE.
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR? THAT'S LIKE THE OLD GAG OF SENDING A ROOKIE FOR A SKY HOOK! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.

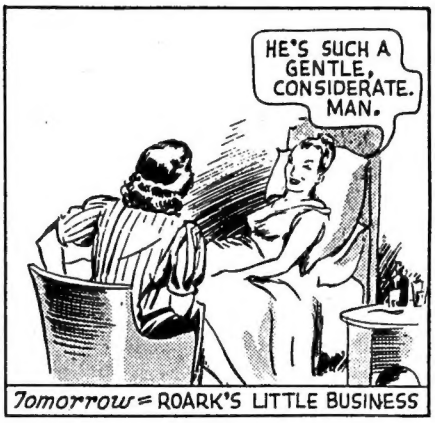
THEN I'LL TAKE MY OWN SAFARI!
HOLD ON, MA'AM. THE PHANTOM'S JUST A NAME --SOMETHING NATIVE MAMAS SCARE THEIR KIDS WITH.
11-14

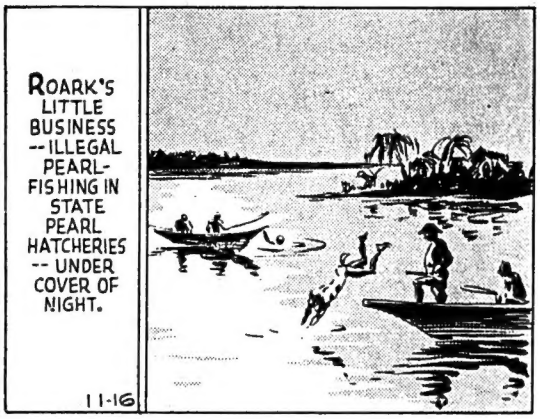
BUT IF YOU'RE SO DEAD-SET ON THIS LARK, I'LL TAKE YOU INTO THE WOODS, MYSELF---IN A FEW WEEKS, AFTER I CLEAN UP SOME BUSINESS.
A-- FEW-- WEEKS!
tomorrow = A GENTLE MAN.

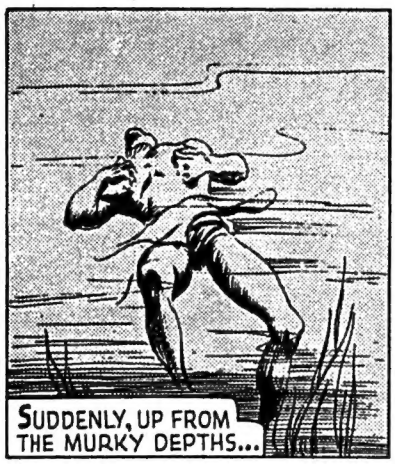
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TRIED TO SNEAK OFF WITH YOUR HAUL LAST NIGHT! THOUGHT I'D FORGET IT, DID YOU?

I'LL TEACH YOU BLASTED WATER RATS TO HOLD OUT ON ME!
11-15

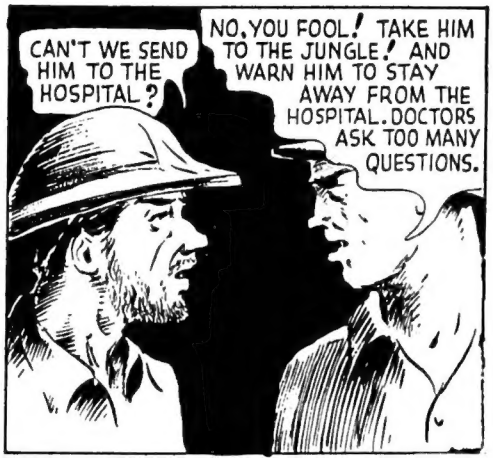
GOODBYE, DEAR. I'LL BE AWAY ON A LITTLE BUSINESS FOR A FEW DAYS. MISS PALMER'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, WON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW I WILL, MR. ROARK.


HE'S SUCH A GENTLE, CONSIDERATE. MAN.
Tomorrow = ROARK'S LITTLE BUSINESS


ROARK'S LITTLE BUSINESS --ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING IN STATE PEARL HATCHERIES -- UNDER COVER OF NIGHT.
11-16

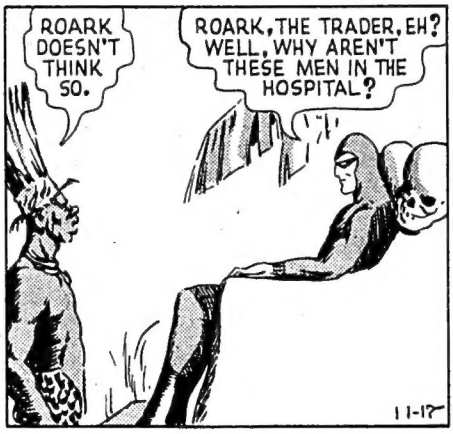

SUDDENLY, UP FROM THE MURKY DEPTHS...

HIS LUNGS ARE ALL SHOT, ROARK. HE'S THE THIRD ONE THIS WEEK.
WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?


CAN'T WE SEND HIM TO THE HOSPITAL?
NO, YOU FOOL! TAKE HIM TO THE JUNGLE! AND WARN HIM TO STAY AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL. DOCTORS ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS.

YOU ASK WHERE ALL THE YOUNG MEN ARE. HERE ARE SOME OF THEM.
HAVE YOU HAD AN EPIDEMIC HERE?

NO. THEY HAVE INJURED THEIR LUNGS, PEARL-FISHING IN THE SWARI BASIN.
BUT THE SWARI BASIN IS A STATE HATCHERY. IT'S ILLEGAL TO DIVE THERE.


ROARK DOESN'T THINK SO.
ROARK, THE TRADER, EH? WELL, WHY AREN'T THESE MEN IN THE HOSPITAL?
11-17

ROARK DOESN'T WANT THAT. DOCTORS WOULD ASK QUESTIONS-- AND START TROUBLE FOR HIM.
ROARK. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT ROARK NEEDS A LITTLE ATTENTION.
tomorrow = THE PHANTOM'S HAND

WHAT'S HOLDING THINGS UP, NELSON? WHERE ARE ALL THE DIVERS?
NONE OF THEM REPORTED TODAY, ROARK.

NONE REPORTED? WHY?
IT'S MIGHTY MYSTERIOUS. THE BOYS COME FROM VILLAGES SCATTERED ALL THROUGH THE JUNGLE. YET, JUST TODAY--NOBODY SHOWS UP.

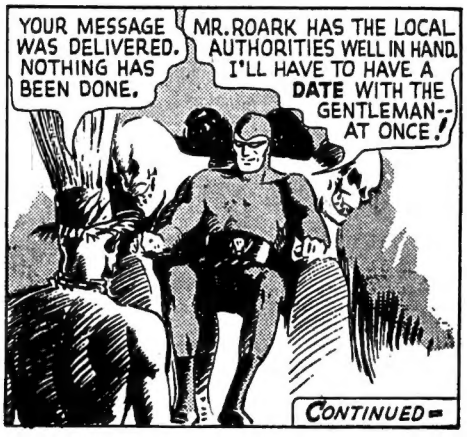
THERE'S A RUMOR FLOATING ON THE GRAPE-VINE THAT THE PHANTOM'S ISSUED ORDERS TO STOP ALL PEARL-FISHING FOR YOU!
PHANTOM? WITCH-DOCTORS, YOU MEAN!

EVERYTIME THOSE WITCH-DOCTORS WANT MORE DOUGH, THEY GIVE OUT ORDERS IN THE NAME OF THIS IMAGINARY PHANTOM! I'LL GET MY DIVERS FROM ACROSS THE BAY. PHANTOM! HOOEY!
11-18
TOMORROW = SECOND WARNING

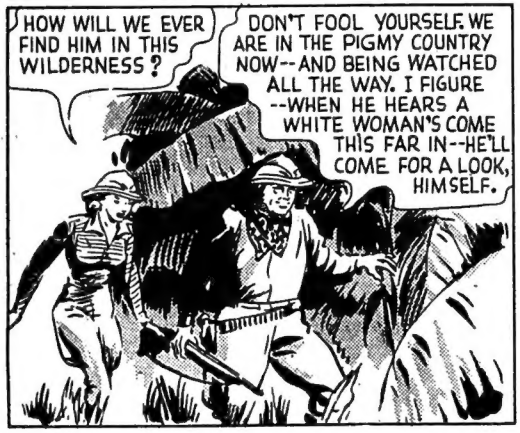
Roark's illegal pearl-fishing in the Swari Basin must be stopped at once.

I FOUND THIS IN THE BOX THIS MORNING. BETTER DO SOMETHING QUICK, ROARK, OR IT WILL GET TO THE HIGH-UPS.
PHANTOM--HOOEY! THOSE WITCH-DOCTORS CAN'T SCARE ME!

YOU THINK THEY SENT THIS?
WHO ELSE? THE PHANTOM IS ONLY A NAME--A SUPERSTITION. GO HOME AND FORGET ABOUT IT.
11-19


YOUR MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED. NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE.
MR. ROARK HAS THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WELL IN HAND. I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A DATE WITH THE GENTLEMAN-- AT ONCE!
CONTINUED

AS THE ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING CONTINUES, UNDER THE COMMAND OF ROARK'S ASSISTANT, NELSON ....
11-21
WE'RE CLOSE ENOUGH. LIGHT THE TORCHES.
NO MORE DIVING. BACK TO YOUR HOMES. THIS IS MY COMMAND.
THE DIVERS SUDDENLY SEE A BLAZE OF FIRE ON THE BLACK WATER, AND BEHOLD...
THE PHANTOM!
I'M TELLING YOU STRAIGHT, ROARK! I SEEN IT! THIS PHANTOM'S IN A BLAZE OF FIRE ON THE WATER! HE TELLS THE BOYS TO STOP DIVING--AND THEY SCURRY HOME LIKE SCARED RABBITS.
ARE YOU GOING BATTY?
PHANTOM--BLAZE OF FIRE--WHAT KIND OF GOOFY STORY IS THAT?
I SAW IT. SO DID THE BOYS. I COULDN'T STOP THEM. I BET THEY'RE RUNNING YET.
HE WAS A TALL FELLOW, ALL IN GRAY, SORTA QUEER COSTUME AND---
WELL, MAYBE THERE IS A PHANTOM. WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S BOUND TO RUIN ME--IF I DON'T GET TO HIM FIRST!
BUT HOW TO FIND HIM? OF COURSE! THAT GIRL--DIANA PALMER. SHE WANTS TO FIND HIM! WELL, SHE WILL! FOR ME!
11-22
TOMORROW = DIANA
WELL, GET READY, MISS PALMER. I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU ON THAT WILD-GOOSE CHASE YOU'VE BEEN HANKERIN' AFTER.
YOU'LL TAKE ME TO THE PHANTOM!
AT LAST! THIS WAITING HAS ALMOST DRIVEN ME CRAZY.
TAKE IT EASY, MISS PALMER. IT'S LIKE HUNTIN' A WILL-O'-THE-WISP. I KNOW EVERY INCH OF THE JUNGLE --ALL EXCEPT THE DEEP WOODS.
THERE'S WHERE NO WHITE MAN'S EVER BEEN. IT'S IN THE LAND OF THE PIGMY POISON PEOPLE--THE BANDAR. IF THERE'S SUCH A MAN AS THE PHANTOM, THAT'S WHERE HE'LL BE.
YES--THAT'S THE PLACE. THE BANDAR! WE'LL FIND HIM!
FOR YOUR SAKE, I HOPE WE DO. EVEN IF WE DON'T, IT'LL BE A TRIP YOU CAN WRITE THE FOLKS ABOUT!
11-23
tomorrow-DEEP WOODS.


HOW WILL WE EVER FIND HIM IN THIS WILDERNESS?
DON'T FOOL YOURSELF. WE ARE IN THE PIGMY COUNTRY NOW--AND BEING WATCHED ALL THE WAY. I FIGURE --WHEN HE HEARS A WHITE WOMAN'S COME THIS FAR IN--HE'LL COME FOR A LOOK, HIMSELF.

ROARK, EH? AND A WHITE WOMAN WITH HIM? I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THAT.

WHY NOT TRY CALLING FOR THIS PHANTOM OF YOURS. MAYBE HE'S FLOATIN' RIGHT OVER OUR HEADS.
I WILL! YOU'LL SEE THAT HE'S REAL--FLESH AND BLOOD!
11-R4

DARLING--DARLING--WHERE ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU? IT IS I! IT IS I!
tomorrow = JUNGLE RENDEZVOUS

DARLING--WHERE ARE YOU? IT IS I--IT IS I!

LISTEN--THAT WOMAN'S VOICE--IT SOUNDS LIKE---
WOMAN WITH ROARK. CAREFUL. HE IS DANGEROUS. HATES YOU.

IT SOUNDS LIKE--LOOKS LIKE--DIANA! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! DIANA! IS IT--?

11-R5

ROARK FIRES---THE PHANTOM STAGGERS...

YOU --SHOT-- HIM!
COME ON, GIRL! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR US!

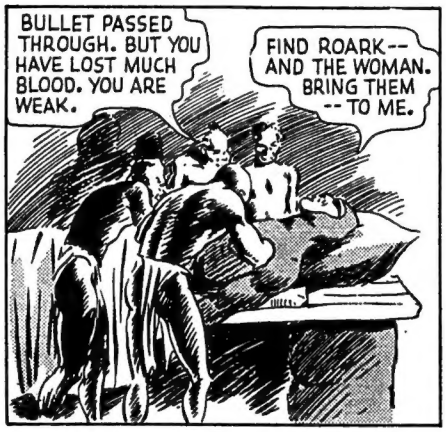
11-R6
Continued--

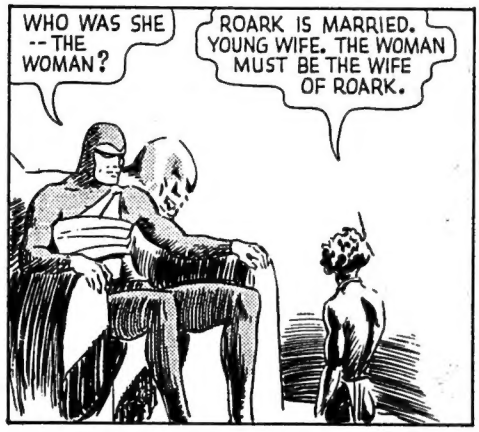
The PHANTOM IS CARRIED SILENTLY BY THE PIGMY POISON PEOPLE, BACK INTO THE DEEP WOODS—
11-28

I'M LOST IN THESE BLASTED THICKETS. HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL DAYLIGHT TO PICK UP THE TRAIL AGAIN!

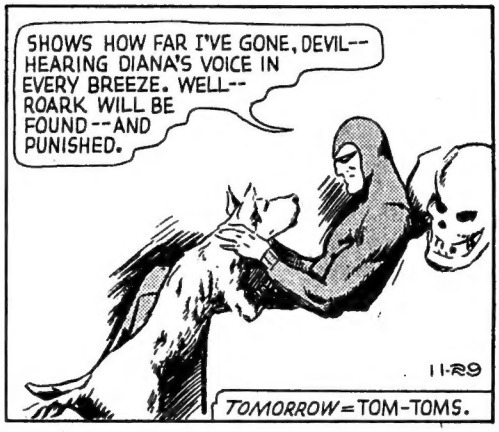
YOU USED ME--AS BAIT--TO LURE HIM! THEN YOU--SHOT HIM--KILLED HIM---
SIT STILL, AND KEEP QUIET--OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME MEDICINE!

WHEN MEN CROSS ME, THEY PAY FOR IT! NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE!


BULLET PASSED THROUGH. BUT YOU HAVE LOST MUCH BLOOD. YOU ARE WEAK.
FIND ROARK--AND THE WOMAN. BRING THEM--TO ME.


WHO WAS SHE--THE WOMAN?
ROARK IS MARRIED. YOUNG WIFE. THE WOMAN MUST BE THE WIFE OF ROARK.

ROARK'S WIFE! AND I THOUGHT IT WAS DIANA--CALLING TO ME. OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPOSED MYSELF LIKE THAT.


SHOWS HOW FAR I'VE GONE, DEVIL--HEARING DIANA'S VOICE IN EVERY BREEZE. WELL--ROARK WILL BE FOUND--AND PUNISHED.
11-29
TOMORROW=TOM-TOMS.

TOM-TOMS! TOM-TOMS! "ROARK" THEY'RE SAYING! "FIND ROARK!" "FIND ROARK!"
11-30

COME ON. WE'LL GET AWAY! WE'LL GET SOMEWHERE--AWAY FROM THOSE PIGMY DEVILS!
I'M GOING BACK! LET ME ALONE!

YOU'RE CRAZY! THEY'LL ROAST YOU ALIVE! COME ON---OH--
ROARK SUDDENLY PAUSES--TERRIFIED--THE JUNGLE DARKNESS IS ALIVE WITH EYES--WATCHING-

ROARK IS TRAPPED BY THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE --- The MEN OF BANDAR ---
GRIMLY, SILENTLY, THEY GO ABOUT SECURING THEIR QUARRY--THIS MAN WHO DARED FIRE AT THE PHANTOM....
HE IS DRAGGED OVER THE ROUGH GROUND, BACK INTO THE UNMAPPED DEEP WOODS.... INTO THE MYSTERIOUS LAND OF THE BANDAR....
AND HE REALIZES THEY HAVE CAPTURED HIM ALIVE.... FOR A FATE MORE HORRIBLE THEN THEIR QUICK POISONS.
ROARK AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BACK.
The PIGMY CHIEF MISTAKENLY BELIEVES DIANA TO BE ROARK'S WIFE!
DIANA---ROARK'S WIFE---!
FREE ROARK AND HIS WIFE. ESCORT THEM OUT OF THE DEEP WOODS.
FREE ROARK? HE TRIED TO KILL YOU! HE DEFIED YOUR COMMANDS, CONTINUED ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING, RUINING THE BODIES OF THE JUNGLE MEN!
FREE HIS WIFE. BUT HE MUST BE PUNISHED!
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS!
WAIT! LET ME SEE HIM! LET ME SEE HIM!
GO, BOTH OF YOU, QUICKLY! BEFORE WE FORGET HIS COMMAND, AND DESTROY BOTH OF YOU!
IT WAS DIANA--CALLING ME--SO THAT HE COULD SHOOT. DIANA--ROARK'S WIFE! DIANA---
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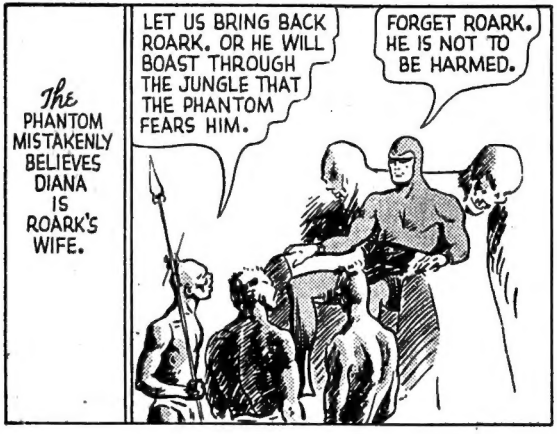

The PHANTOM MISTAKENLY BELIEVES DIANA IS ROARK'S WIFE.
LET US BRING BACK ROARK. OR HE WILL BOAST THROUGH THE JUNGLE THAT THE PHANTOM FEARS HIM.
FORGET ROARK. HE IS NOT TO BE HARMED.

DIANA--ROARK'S WIFE! SHE CAME WITH HIM TO FIND ME--HUNT ME! CAN SHE HATE ME THAT MUCH, DEVIL?
12-5

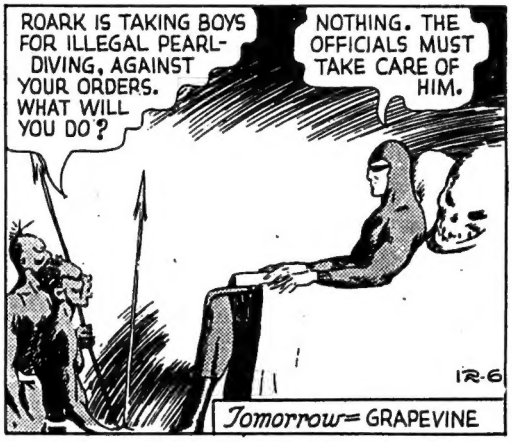
HE'S ALIVE! I'M GOING BACK TO HIM!
YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK. ONE OF THOSE PIGMIES MAY FORGET HIMSELF, AND PUT A POISON DART INTO YOU!

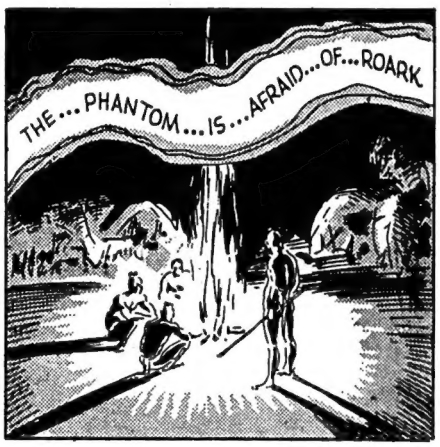
YOU TRIED TO MURDER HIM! WHY DID HE FREE YOU?
AFRAID TO TOUCH ME, THAT'S WHY! I'M ROARK! I'M RUNNING THIS PLACE FROM NOW ON!

NOW, ROARK, YOU CAN'T START PEARL-FISHING AGAIN! THE PHANTOM SAID NIX. SO IF YOU VALUE YOUR NECK---
LISTEN, NELSON, I'M RUNNING THESE WOODS FROM NOW ON!

CHIEF, I WANT SOME PEARL-DIVERS.
NO, ROARK, CAN NOT DO! PHANTOM SAY NOT.

I'M GIVING THE ORDERS FROM NOW ON--NOT THE PHANTOM!


ROARK IS TAKING BOYS FOR ILLEGAL PEARL-DIVING, AGAINST YOUR ORDERS. WHAT WILL YOU DO?
NOTHING. THE OFFICIALS MUST TAKE CARE OF HIM.
12-6
Tomorrow= GRAPEVINE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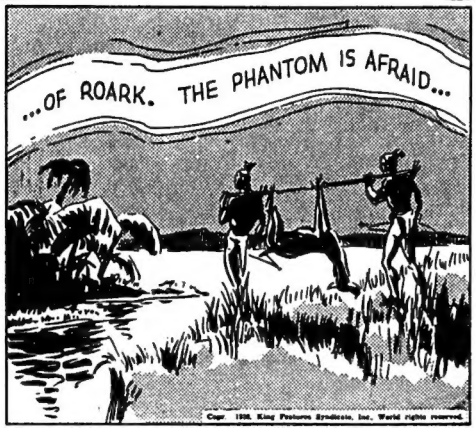
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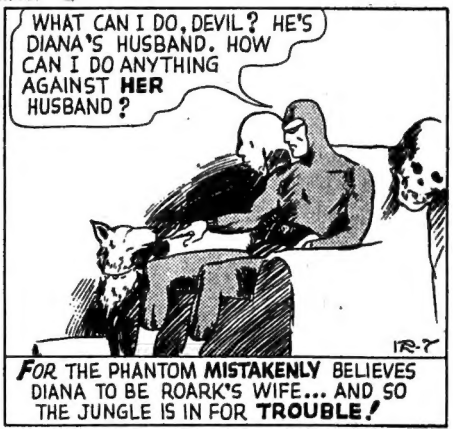
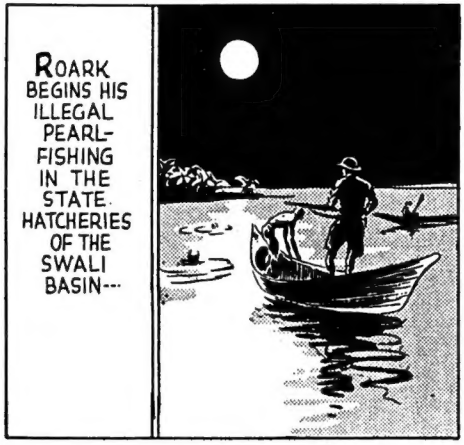
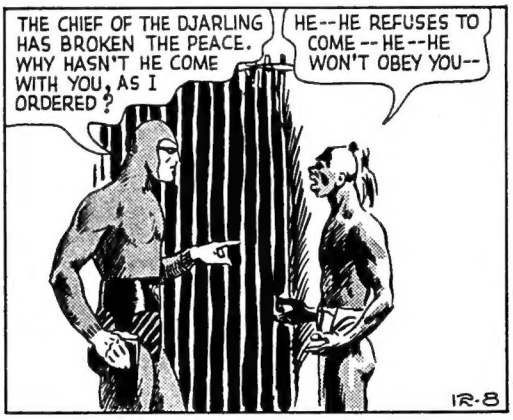
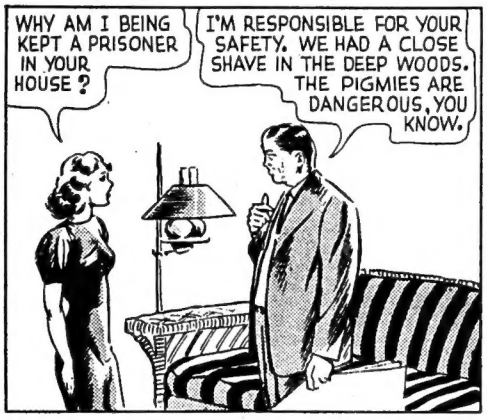

WHAT CAN I DO, DEVIL? HE'S DIANA'S HUSBAND. HOW CAN I DO ANYTHING AGAINST HER HUSBAND?
12-7
FOR THE PHANTOM MISTAKENLY BELIEVES DIANA TO BE ROARK'S WIFE... AND SO THE JUNGLE IS IN FOR TROUBLE!


ROARK BEGINS HIS ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING IN THE STATE HATCHERIES OF THE SWALI BASIN---

IN THE JUNGLE... LONG UNDER THE SWAY OF THE PHANTOM'S PEACE... TRIBAL WARFARE BEGINS...

FOR THE NATIVES BELIEVE THE PHANTOM IS AFRAID TO CROSS ROARK -- AND SO HIS INFLUENCE AND POWER OVER THEM HAS WEAKENED.


THE CHIEF OF THE DJARLING HAS BROKEN THE PEACE. WHY HASN'T HE COME WITH YOU, AS I ORDERED?
HE--HE REFUSES TO COME--HE--HE WON'T OBEY YOU--
IR-8


WHY AM I BEING KEPT A PRISONER IN YOUR HOUSE?
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY. WE HAD A CLOSE SHAVE IN THE DEEP WOODS. THE PIGMIES ARE DANGEROUS, YOU KNOW.

I WON'T BE LOCKED IN THIS HOUSE! YOU'RE AFRAID I'LL REACH THE PHANTOM!
THERE'S A BOAT LEAVING HERE IN A WEEK. UNTIL THAT TIME YOU'LL REMAIN INDOORS. THAT'S FINAL!
IR-9

ARE YOU FEELING BETTER, MRS. ROARK?
A LITTLE, THANKS. WERE YOU HAVING AN ARGUMENT WITH MY HUSBAND?

HE WON'T LET ME LEAVE THE HOUSE.
HE KNOWS BEST, DIANA. THE JUNGLE HAS BECOME DANGEROUS. MUCH UNREST NOW. IT'S BEST YOU REMAIN HERE.
TOMORROW = ROARK'S GLOATS.

I DON'T GET IT. THE PHANTOM'S LOST HIS POWER IN THE JUNGLE --BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID TO STOP YOU. WHY?
WHY? HE'S AFRAID OF ME! HE KNOWS IT! THE JUNGLE KNOWS IT!

WHAT A MESS I'VE MADE OF THINGS, COMING HERE! HE'S SO NEAR--YET SO FAR. I SHOULD FORGET HIM---BUT HOW?
MEANWHILE, DIANA DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE PHANTOM HAS LOST "FACE" BECAUSE OF HER!

WELL--DEVIL--THE PHANTOM LINE HAS LASTED FOR FOUR CENTURIES. IS IT TO BE BROKEN NOW -- FINISHED--ALL BECAUSE OF A WOMAN?
FOR THE PHANTOM MISTAKENLY BELIEVES DIANA IS ROARK'S WIFE!
IR-10

ALL THE WORK I'VE DONE --FINISHED--BECAUSE OF A WOMAN? BUT IF THE WOMAN IS DIANA-- WHAT CAN I DO?
Next Week = BRING HER BACK!

MISTAKENLY BELIEVING DIANA TO BE ROARK'S WIFE, THE PHANTOM REFUSES TO TAKE STEPS AGAINST ROARK'S CRUELTY.

THEIR LUNGS HAVE BEEN RUINED BEYOND AID--MORE VICTIMS OF ROARK'S ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

IF THEY INSIST ON WORKING FOR HIM, THAT'S THEIR LOOK-OUT.

12-12

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT IMMORTAL--THAT YOU ARE CARRYING ON THE LINE OF THE PHANTOM FOUNDED BY YOUR ANCESTORS.

THE PEACE OF THE JUNGLE AND THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS DEPENDED ON YOUR POWER AND STRENGTH.

WHY DON'T YOU STOP THIS CRUELTY NOW! STOP ROARK! HE IS THE ARCH-ENEMY OF THE JUNGLE PEOPLE!

SORRY, GURAN. NOTHING I CAN DO.

tomorrow=BRING HER BACK!

MY BOAT LEAVES IN A FEW MINUTES. I MUST SAY GOODBYE, MRS. ROARK. I HOPE YOU'RE WELL SOON.

GOODBYE, DIANA. THANKS. YOU'VE BEEN SO SWEET TO ME. HAVE A GOOD TRIP.

BACK TO AMERICA FOR ME.

YES, AND STAY THERE WHERE YOU BELONG. KEEP AWAY FROM HERE. YOU'LL LIVE LONGER.

12-13

ROARK--WHERE'S THE GIRL, DIANA?

WHY ARE YOU SO EXCITED, NELSON? SHE IS ON THAT BOAT. AND GOOD RIDDANCE!

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YOU'VE SIGNED YOUR OWN DEATH WARRANT, SENDING HER AWAY! YOU'VE GOT TO BRING HER BACK!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

—*TOMORROW*—
CAME THE DAWN

WHY DO YOU THINK THE PHANTOM'S LET YOU ALONE--AND SUFFERED DISGRACE IN THE JUNGLE SO THE NATIVES NO LONGER FOLLOW HIM?

THAT'S EASY. HE'S AFRAID OF ME.

AFRAID OF YOU! LISTEN, I GOT THE TRUTH FROM A SON OF A PIGMY WITCH-DOCTOR! THE PHANTOM **THINKS** DIANA PALMER IS YOUR **WIFE!**

12-14

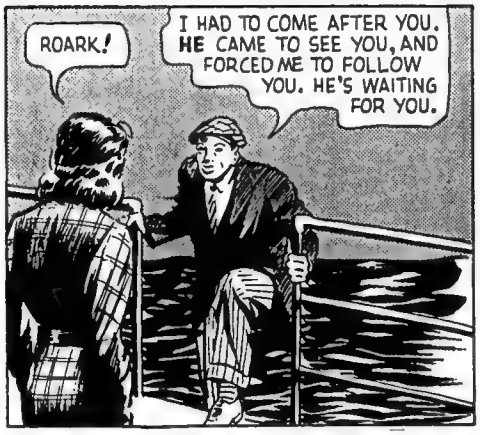
HE WAS WILLING TO LEAVE YOU ALONE--BECAUSE HE WAS--AND IS--IN LOVE WITH HER!

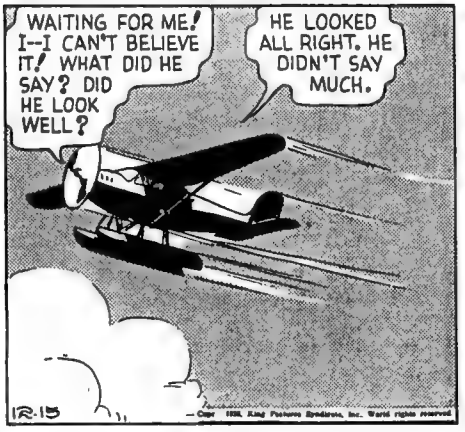
MY WIFE?

AND NOW--YOU'VE SENT HER AWAY ON A BOAT. IF HE FINDS OUT SHE'S GONE--AND **NOT** YOUR WIFE---

WE'VE GOT TO GET HER BACK--**QUICK!**

ROARK'S SEAPLANE CATCHES UP TO DIANA'S BOAT A FEW MILES FROM THE COAST.


ROARK!
I HAD TO COME AFTER YOU. HE CAME TO SEE YOU, AND FORCED ME TO FOLLOW YOU. HE'S WAITING FOR YOU.


WAITING FOR ME! I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT DID HE SAY? DID HE LOOK WELL?
HE LOOKED ALL RIGHT. HE DIDN'T SAY MUCH.
12-15

WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS HE?
HE ISN'T. TAKE OFF YOUR HAT AND STAY A WHILE. YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

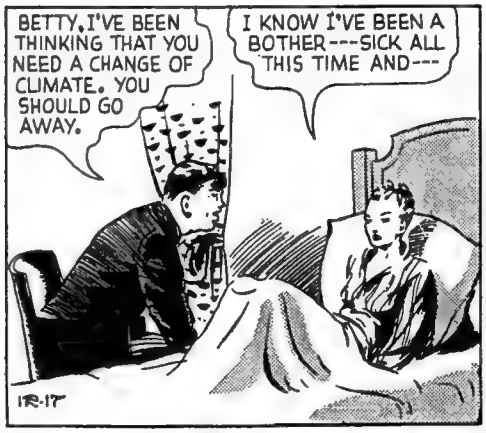
WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME BACK? YOU LIED! THE PHANTOM ISN'T HERE!
YOU'LL REMAIN HERE--UNDER GUARD. I PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WON'T BE HARMED -- BUT DON'T TRY TO LEAVE!

WHY DID HE BRING ME BACK? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE, ANYHOW! NOW--I MAY STILL SEE HIM!
12-16

MISS PALMER MISSED HER BOAT AND HAD TO RETURN, BETTY.
WHAT A SHAME. YOU SAY SHE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE SEEING ANYONE NOW? SHE MUST BE DISAPPOINTED.

WELL, YOU'VE GOT HER BACK. AS LONG AS THE PHANTOM THINKS SHE'S YOUR WIFE -- YOU'RE SAFE ---
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. IF HE LEARNS THAT BETTY IS MY WIFE--! I THINK SHE COULD USE A TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS!

I'VE GOT TO SEND MY WIFE AWAY FOR A WHILE. IF THE PHANTOM INVESTIGATES--AND FINDS THAT SHE--AND NOT DIANA, IS MY WIFE--


BETTY, I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT YOU NEED A CHANGE OF CLIMATE. YOU SHOULD GO AWAY.
I KNOW I'VE BEEN A BOTHER---SICK ALL THIS TIME AND---
12-17

IT'S NOT THAT, DEAR. MOUNTAIN AIR WOULD DO YOU GOOD.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.

NELSON--SHE FELL FOR IT!
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, ROARK. YOU COULD SELL AN AIR-COOLER TO AN ESKIMO!
NEXT WEEK = ROARK OUTSMARTS HIMSELF

FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE ...
ROARK'S ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING IN THE SWALI BASIN ANGERS THE PHANTOM WHO ORDERS HIM TO STOP. ROARK REFUSES.
12-19
ROARK IS CAPTURED BY THE PIGMIES--WITH HIM IS DIANA--WHOM THE PHANTOM LOVES. THE PHANTOM IS MISTAKENLY INFORMED THAT SHE IS ROARK'S WIFE!
SO--THE PHANTOM REFUSES TO ACT AGAINST ROARK, THINKING HE'S DIANA'S HUSBAND. ROARK HOLDS DIANA PRISONER...
THE NATIVES BELIEVE THE PHANTOM IS AFRAID OF ROARK. THEY NO LONGER OBEY HIM AND THE PEACE OF THE JUNGLE IS BROKEN!
SO YOU'RE SENDING YOUR WIFE TO THE MOUNTAINS?
YES. SHE'S BEEN IN BAD HEALTH. THE CHANGE WILL DO HER GOOD.
ROARK, YOU KNOW THE JUNGLE IS IN AN UPROAR. IT ISN'T SAFE FOR HER TO TRAVEL.
DON'T WORRY. I'M SENDING A STRONG GUARD WITH HER. SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
GOODBYE, DEAR. HAVE A NICE TRIP AND DON'T WORRY.
12-20
TOMORROW = THE PHANTOM INVESTIGATES
YOUR WIFE HAS GONE. ROARK?
YES. A MOUNTAIN TRIP FOR HER HEALTH. YOU'RE SAFE HERE--AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TRY TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.
BUT--WHY ARE YOU KEEPING ME HERE?
CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT, DIANA.
The PHANTOM HAS MADE A JOURNEY FROM THE DEEP WOODS TO THE TOWN...
IT'S DIANA, ALL RIGHT. SHE LOOKS THE SAME AS EVER -- WELL, IF SHE'S HAPPY--
tomorrow = THE ATTACK!
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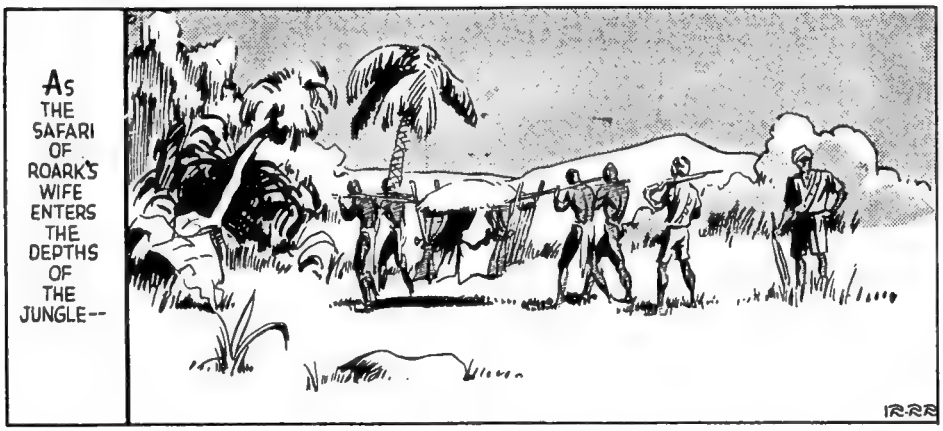
AS THE SAFARI OF ROARK'S WIFE ENTERS THE DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE--
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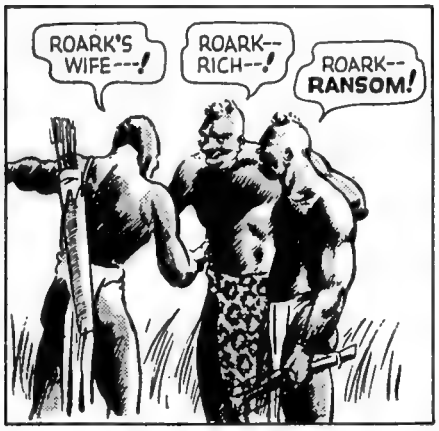
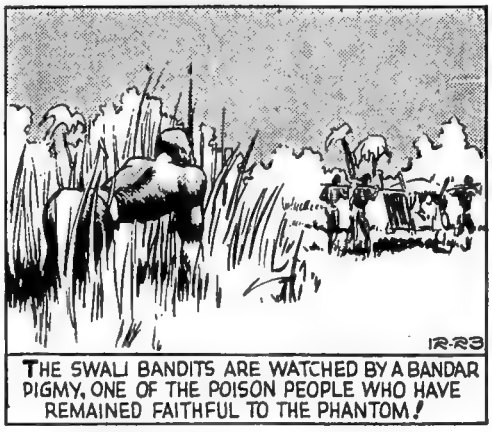
--IT IS SPOTTED BY A ROVING GANG OF SWALI TRIBESMEN WHO HAVE TURNED TO BRIGANDAGE SINCE THE ENDING OF THE PHANTOM'S PEACE.

MRS. ROARK'S SAFARI IS ATTACKED! HER GUARDS FIGHT VALIANTLY, BUT THEY ARE OUTNUMBERED...

SWALI BANDITS ATTACK THE SAFARI OF ROARK'S WIFE!
I HAVE A LITTE MONEY. TAKE IT---
WHO ARE YOU?

I AM THE WIFE OF TRADER ROARK.
ROARK'S WIFE?


ROARK'S WIFE---!
ROARK--RICH--!
ROARK--RANSOM!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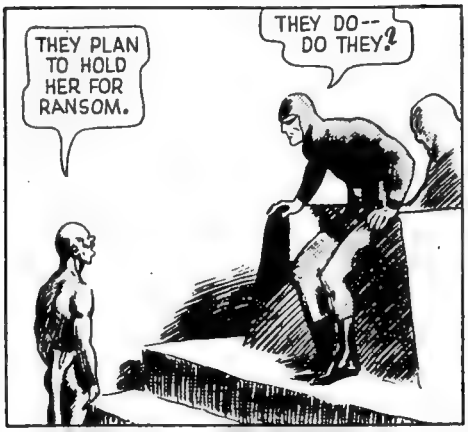
THE SWALI BANDITS ARE WATCHED BY A BANDAR PIGMY, ONE OF THE POISON PEOPLE WHO HAVE REMAINED FAITHFUL TO THE PHANTOM!

WITH MY OWN EYES, I HAVE SEEN THE SAFARI OF ROARK'S WIFE ATTACKED BY SWALI BANDITS.
ROARK'S WIFE! WHAT--- HAPPENED--?


THEY PLAN TO HOLD HER FOR RANSOM.
THEY DO--DO THEY?

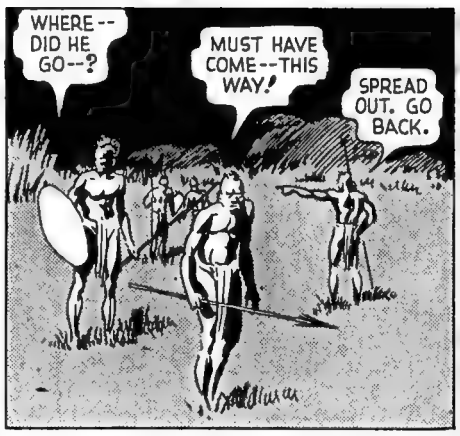
DO NOT GO ALONE!
TAKE US WITH YOU!
THIS IS MY JOB!
IR-24

ROARK'S WIFE---DIANA---CAPTURED! WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON THEM--!
NEXT WEEK = WHO ARE YOU?

TOLD THAT ROARK'S WIFE IS CAPTURED BY BANDITS, THE PHANTOM THINKS IT'S DIANA.
SHE MUST BE IN THAT HUT. IT'S HEAVILY GUARDED--
THE PHANTOM WHIRLS ABOUT AS A BANDIT SENTRY STEALS UP QUIETLY BEHIND HIM....
BEFORE THE BANDIT CAN MAKE AN OUTCRY... IRON HANDS GRIP HIM...
USING THE SENTRY'S SPEAR THE PHANTOM CAUTIOUSLY TUNNELS UNDER THE REAR WALL OF THE HUT.
SLOWLY, QUIETLY, THE PHANTOM MAKES HIS WAY INTO THE DARK BANDIT HUT...
SHH-- DON'T BE AFRAID --DIANA--IT'S ME-- I'VE COME TO GET YOU AWAY---
STARTLED THE BANDIT HURLS HIS BURNING TORCH! THE PHANTOM DODGES, STEPS IN WITH A TERRIFIC RIGHT TO THE BANDIT'S JAW....
CASTING CAUTION TO THE WIND, THE PHANTOM LIFTS THE VEILED FIGURE -- WHOM HE BELIEVES TO BE DIANA... AND RUSHES OUT OF THE BANDIT HUT...
SOMEONE --IN HUT!
THE PHANTOM!
LOOKS LIKE A CHASE, DIANA. THEY'RE AFTER US!
tomorrow = HIDE AND SEEK~

JUST A LITTLE FARTHER, DIANA -- THEY'RE GAINING ON US!
12-29

HE WENT THAT WAY!
AFTER HIM!
AROUND A BEND IN THE PATH COME THE SWALI BANDITS....


WHERE -- DID HE GO --?
MUST HAVE COME -- THIS WAY!
SPREAD OUT. GO BACK.

TOMORROW = WHO ARE YOU?

THEY'RE GONE NOW. WE CAN COME UP FOR AIR. YOU'RE SAFE, DIANA. I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR -- HUSBAND.
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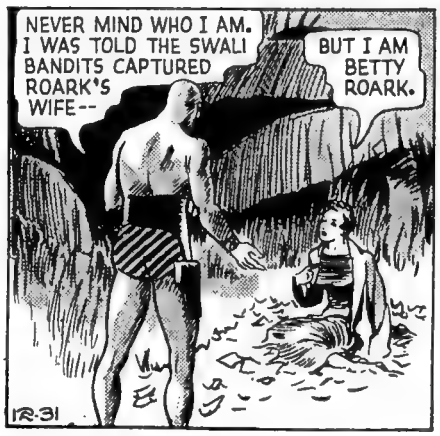
I'M EXHAUSTED -- WHERE -- ARE -- WE?

WHAT IN -- WHO ARE YOU?

WELL -- WHO ARE YOU?
tomorrow = NOT DIANA!


NEVER MIND WHO I AM. I WAS TOLD THE SWALI BANDITS CAPTURED ROARK'S WIFE --
BUT I AM BETTY ROARK.
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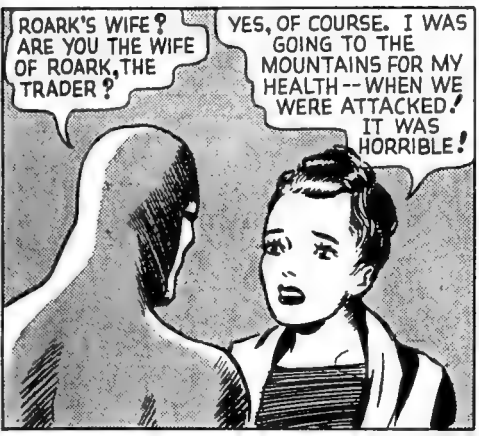

ROARK'S WIFE? ARE YOU THE WIFE OF ROARK, THE TRADER?
YES, OF COURSE. I WAS GOING TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR MY HEALTH -- WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED! IT WAS HORRIBLE!

BUT I THOUGHT -- DIANA -- DIANA PALMER ---
DO YOU KNOW HER? SHE'S STAYING WITH US - AT OUR HOME.

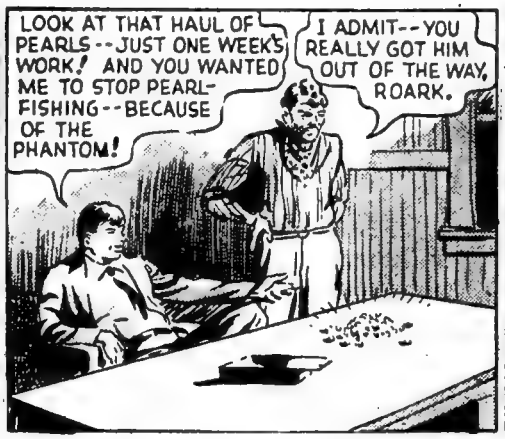
THEN DIANA -- IS NOT ROARK'S WIFE! SHE'S STILL -- DIANA!
Next Week = THE PAYOFF!

SO YOU ARE ROARK'S WIFE!
YES. MY HUSBAND SENT ME TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR MY HEALTH. WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS. IT WAS HORRIBLE.
1-2

I SEE NOW. ROARK SENT YOU AWAY--SO I WOULDN'T LEARN THAT YOU--AND NOT DIANA--WAS HIS WIFE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

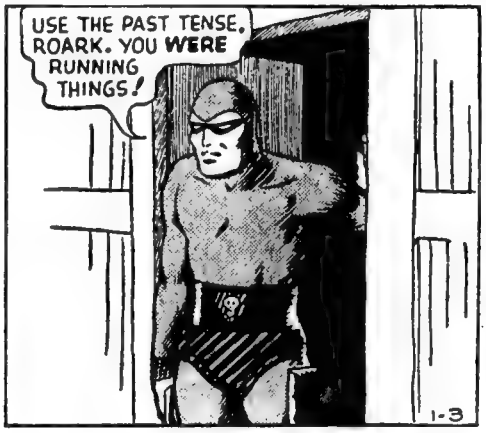
ROARK TRAPPED HIMSELF. THE FACT THAT I REFUSED TO PUNISH HIM MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SWALI BANDITS TO CAPTURE YOU.

DEVIL--SHE'S NOT MARRIED! SHE'S NOT MARRIED--TO HIM--OR ANYONE ELSE! AND I'M FREE--FREE TO HANDLE HIM!
TOMORROW— COUNTING CHICKENS


LOOK AT THAT HAUL OF PEARLS--JUST ONE WEEK'S WORK! AND YOU WANTED ME TO STOP PEARL-FISHING--BECAUSE OF THE PHANTOM!
I ADMIT--YOU REALLY GOT HIM OUT OF THE WAY, ROARK.

SURE! A LITTLE NERVE--AND A LITTLE BRAINS AND I CAN LICK ANYTHING--EVEN A PHANTOM! SAY--HIS NAME USED TO MAKE THE JUNGLE SHAKE!

NOW THEY THINK HE'S YELLOW AND I'M RUNNING THINGS!


USE THE PAST TENSE, ROARK. YOU WERE RUNNING THINGS!
1-3

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I BROUGHT YOUR WIFE BACK, ROARK. SHE HAD A RUN-IN WITH SWALI BANDITS.

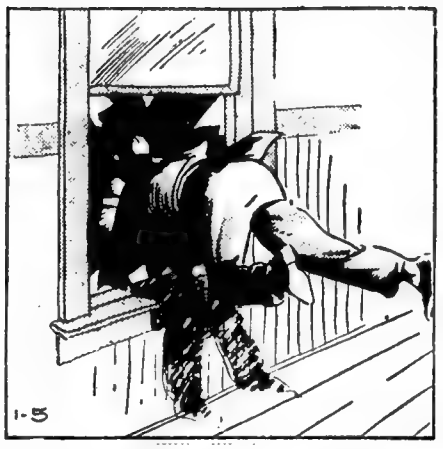
MY--WIFE?
EXACTLY! IT WAS A CLEVER PLAN. YOU KNEW THAT AS LONG AS I THOUGHT DIANA WAS YOUR WIFE, I WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU. SO YOU'VE KEPT HER PRISONER HERE!

KEEP YOUR HAND OUT OF THAT DRAWER, ROARK, OR IT'LL BE THE LAST THING YOU'LL EVER DO.
I--er--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

DO? YOU TRIED TO KILL ME. YOU BROKE THE PHANTOM'S PEACE AND THE PHANTOM'S LAW---RUINED YEARS OF WORK! YOU'RE GOING TO GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!
1-4

GIVE ME A CHANCE! I'LL GIVE UP PEARL-FISHING. I'LL MOVE AWAY! I'LL---
YOU'RE LYING! THE MINUTE MY BACK IS TURNED, YOU'LL BE BACK AT THE OLD STAND!

ROARK SUDDENLY HURLS A CHAIR THROUGH THE CLOSED WINDOW...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MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY ROOM, DIANA SLEEPS, LITTLE REALIZING THE DRAMA THAT IS HAPPENING SO CLOSE TO HER!

I'VE LOST HIM— HE'LL NEVER GET ME---

I'LL GET AWAY-- I'LL GET AWAY---

I'LL GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY--SO FAR AWAY THAT-- HE'LL NEVER FIND ME---
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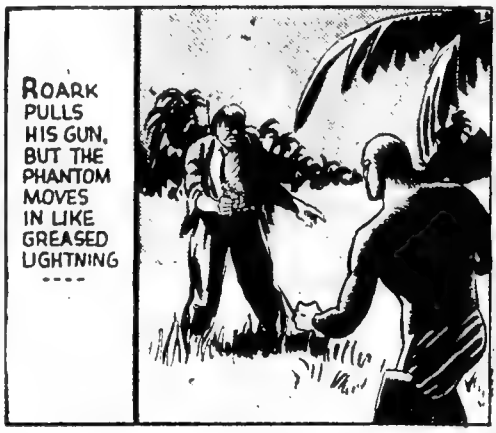
tomorrow = BRING 'IM BACK ALIVE


ROARK PULLS HIS GUN, BUT THE PHANTOM MOVES IN LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING ----

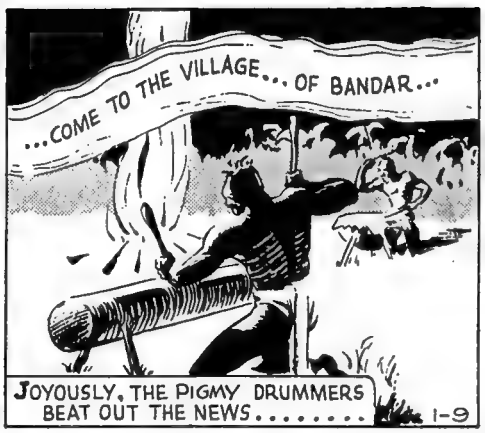
I WANT YOU UNHURT--WITHOUT A SCRATCH--!
--AND ROARK IS DOWN BEFORE HIS FINGER CAN TIGHTEN ON THE TRIGGER.

YOU'LL BE MY PRIZE CATCH OF THE SEASON, MR. ROARK.
1-7

NEXT WEEK... THE RECKONING

THE PHANTOM ENTERS THE VILLAGE OF THE PIGMY BANDAR WITH ROARK SLUNG OVER HIS BACK!

GATHER ALL JUNGLE PEOPLE FOR THE JUDGMENT OF ROARK!


...COME TO THE VILLAGE... OF BANDAR...
JOYOUSLY, THE PIGMY DRUMMERS BEAT OUT THE NEWS.....
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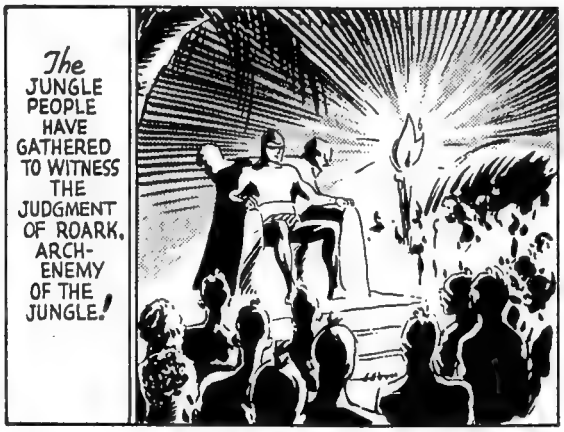
...FOR THE JUDGMENT OF ROARK...
THE PHANTOM COMMANDS.


The JUNGLE PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED TO WITNESS THE JUDGMENT OF ROARK, ARCH-ENEMY OF THE JUNGLE!

GIVE ME A CHANCE! GIVE ME A FIGHTING CHANCE!

I'D GIVE THAT TO A DOG. YOU'LL GET IT.
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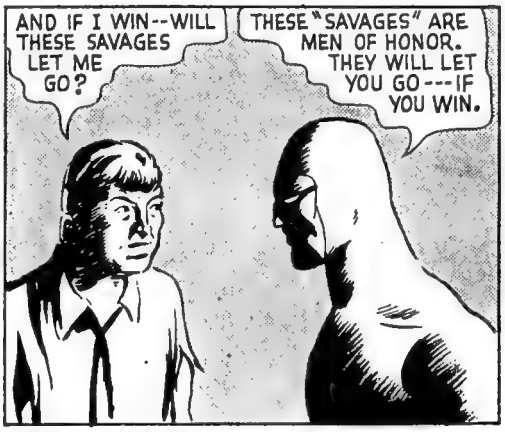
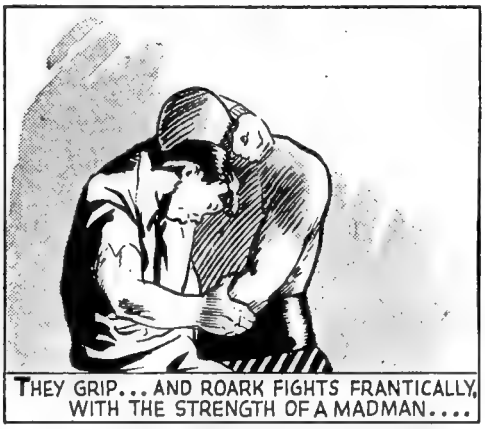

AND IF I WIN--WILL THESE SAVAGES LET ME GO?
THESE "SAVAGES" ARE MEN OF HONOR. THEY WILL LET YOU GO---IF YOU WIN.

CAREFUL. HE'S A TREACHEROUS MAN WITHOUT HONOR.
WE'RE FIGHTING MAN TO MAN WITHOUT ARMS. DO NOT INTERFERE WITH US, GURAN.

The-FIGHTERS CIRCLE WARILY...


THEY GRIP... AND ROARK FIGHTS FRANTICALLY, WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MADMAN....

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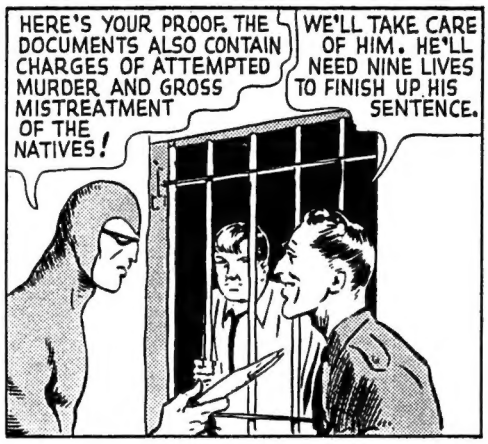
SUDDENLY, THE PHANTOM TRIPS ON A STONE. ROARK WHIPS A KNIFE FROM HIS BELT ... AND IS ON HIM!

VIOLATING THE RULES OF THE FIGHT, ROARK DRAWS A KNIFE WHEN THE PHANTOM STUMBLES ----
FURIOUS... SEVERAL PIGMY BANDAR STRING THEIR DEADLY ARROWS...
1-12
BEFORE THEY CAN SHOOT, THE PHANTOM HURLS ROARK FROM HIM...
AND PLANTS A TERRIFIC RIGHT ON ROARK'S JAW! ROARK CRUMBLES... BEATEN WITH ONE BLOW!
GET UP.
DON'T HIT ME AGAIN LIKE THAT---PLEASE--YOU WILL KILL ME--I COULDN'T TAKE IT AGAIN.
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR WIFE, YOU WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICIALS, TO BE TRIED ON CHARGES OF ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING. YOU'RE LUCKY!
..ROARK BEATEN...THE PHANTOM WILL PROTECT THE JUNGLE PEOPLE... FROM ROARK...
1-13
THROUGH THE JUNGLES, THE HAPPY TIDINGS THROB---- ALL NIGHT THE TOM-TOMS BEAT....
THE JUNGLE PEOPLE DANCE, DELIRIOUS WITH JOY, FOR THE PHANTOM HAS COME INTO HIS OWN AGAIN... AND THE PHANTOM'S LAW HAS RETURNED!
I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN---HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME--- I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY--- NOW!
FINDING THE DOOR UNGUARDED BECAUSE OF ROARK'S UNACCOUNTABLE ABSENCE-- DIANA SLIPS OUT--
NO ONE HERE!
NELSON, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME GET AWAY-- BEFORE ROARK GETS BACK-- HERE'S MONEY--PLENTY OF IT---
Hmm-- A BOAT'S PASSING WITHIN A FEW MILES OF HERE TONIGHT---WE CAN GO OUT IN A FISHING SMACK AND HAIL HER---
1-14
CONTINUED-

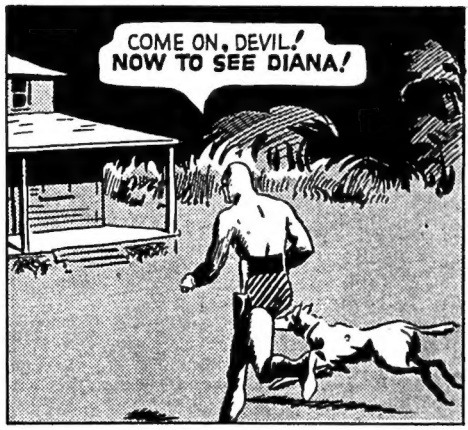
BUT WHO ARE--?
NEVER MIND ME, CAPTAIN NEIL. THIS MAN, ROARK, MUST BE TRIED BY THE MILITARY COURT FOR ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING IN THE SWARI BASIN.

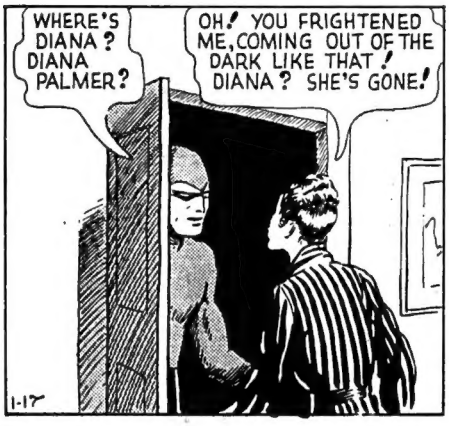

HERE'S YOUR PROOF. THE DOCUMENTS ALSO CONTAIN CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AND GROSS MISTREATMENT OF THE NATIVES!
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM. HE'LL NEED NINE LIVES TO FINISH UP HIS SENTENCE.

YOU'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN MY OFFICE, MISTER ROARK!
NEED NINE LIVES, WILL I?
1-16

DOCUMENT MAKES A NICE FIRE, HUH? LUCKY HE BROUGHT YOU TO ME AND NOT THE OLD MAN.
YOU'RE IN THIS AS DEEP AS I AM---IF I TALK! HOW DO I GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK?

WATCH THE MILITARY JAIL. SEE THAT ROARK DOESN'T ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.
I SHALL WATCH LIKE NO ONE HAS EVER WATCHED BEFORE. OH, GHOST WHO WALKS.


COME ON, DEVIL! NOW TO SEE DIANA!


WHERE'S DIANA? DIANA PALMER?
OH! YOU FRIGHTENED ME, COMING OUT OF THE DARK LIKE THAT! DIANA? SHE'S GONE!
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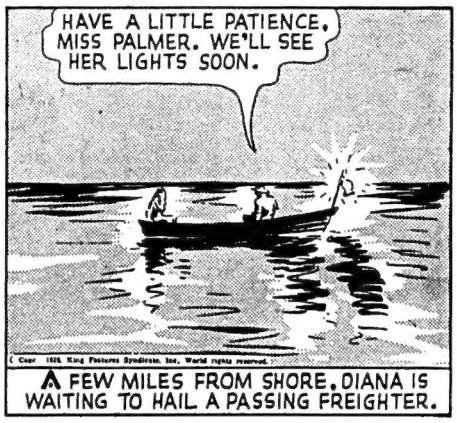
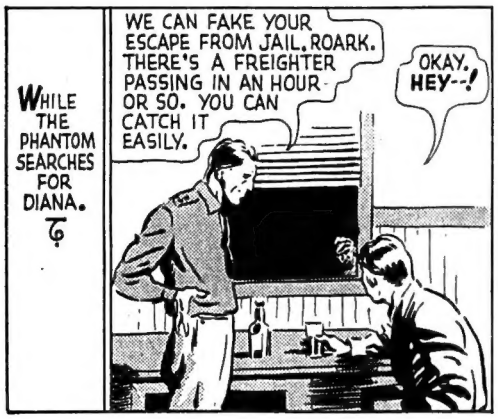
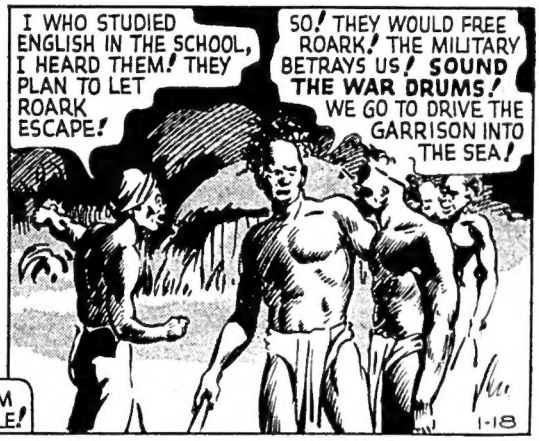

HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE, MISS PALMER. WE'LL SEE HER LIGHTS SOON.
A FEW MILES FROM SHORE, DIANA IS WAITING TO HAIL A PASSING FREIGHTER.


WHILE THE PHANTOM SEARCHES FOR DIANA.
WE CAN FAKE YOUR ESCAPE FROM JAIL, ROARK. THERE'S A FREIGHTER PASSING IN AN HOUR OR SO. YOU CAN CATCH IT EASILY.
OKAY. HEY--!

I THOUGHT I SAW A FACE AT THIS WINDOW!
DON'T BE SO JUMPY, ROARK. THERE ARE ALWAYS NATIVES HANGING AROUND HERE.

THE NATIVE LAD, POSTED BY THE PHANTOM TO WATCH THE JAIL, DASHES INTO THE JUNGLE!


I WHO STUDIED ENGLISH IN THE SCHOOL, I HEARD THEM! THEY PLAN TO LET ROARK ESCAPE!
SO! THEY WOULD FREE ROARK! THE MILITARY BETRAYS US! SOUND THE WAR DRUMS! WE GO TO DRIVE THE GARRISON INTO THE SEA!
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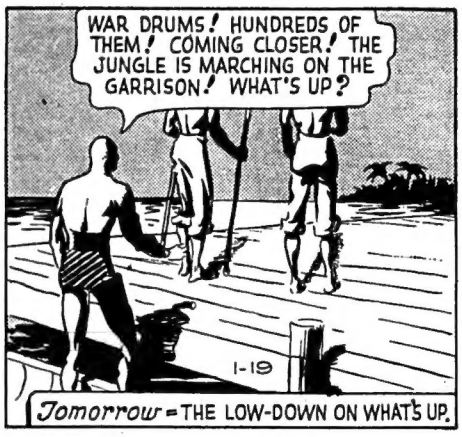

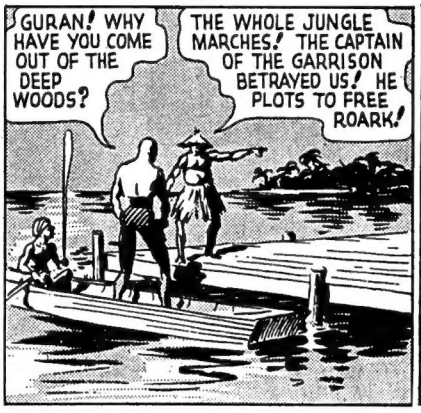

As NATIVE WARRIORS MARCH UPON THE GARRISON ~~~~

LEARNING THAT CAPTAIN NEIL PLOTS TO FREE ROARK, THE JUNGLE WARRIORS MARCH UPON THE GARRISON!
CALL THE COMMANDANT!
WHERE'S CAPT. NEIL?
THERE'S FIVE HUNDRED OF THEM DEVILS FOR EVERY BOY IN THE BARRACKS! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
WAIT! THE PHANTOM WILL NOT FAIL YOU!
WE AWAIT YOUR WORD, OH, GHOST WHO WALKS.
THEY'VE COME AFTER ME! THEY WON'T GET ME ALIVE! I KNOW THEM! NOBODY GETS ROARK ALIVE!
NOBODY?
1-23
I NEVER SHOOT UNLESS SHOT AT---
THE PHANTOM DUCKS ROARK'S WILD SHOT....
IN THE NEXT SPLIT SECOND, BRINGS HIM TO THE FLOOR....
HAVE I BEEN NEGLECTING YOU, CAPTAIN?
...THEN WHEELS SAVAGELY AT NEIL...
1-24
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE SCRIMMAGE BEFORE SUPPER.
LEAVING ROARK AND CAPTAIN NEIL IN CHARGE OF THE NATIVE CHIEFTAINS, THE PHANTOM PAYS A SURPRISE VISIT TO THE GARRISON COMMANDANT.
BUT, COLONEL, THEM DEVILS ARE AT THE EDGE OF THE TOWN, ALL DECKED UP IN WAR-PAINT---
GO AWAY. LEAVE ME ALONE. I'M BUSY.
ALWAYS WANTING YOU TO DO SOMETHING. IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING, EVERYTHING USUALLY TURNS OUT BETTER.
GOOD EVENING. SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
NOT AT ALL. THIS RECORD JUST CAME FROM AMERICA. LATEST SWING. FINE, ISN'T IT?
1-25
THAT MUSIC DOES SOMETHING TO ME ---SAY! WHO IN THUNDER ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT'S A LONG STORY, COLONEL. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN THE RECORD'S FINISHED.

ROARK AND CAPTAIN NEIL WERE IN CAHOOTS IN ILLEGAL PEARL-FISHING. I CAUGHT ROARK AND BROUGHT HIM TO NEIL. NEIL THEN PLOTTED TO FREE ROARK.
REALLY?
I TURNED THE TWO OF THEM OVER TO THE CHIEFS WHO ARE WAITING AT THE EDGE OF TOWN. COME ON.
YES, YES--AFTER THIS RECORD'S FINISHED.
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LISTEN, COLONEL! TEN THOUSAND WARRIORS ARE OUT THERE, READY TO TEAR THIS TOWN AND GARRISON TO PIECES!
ALL RIGHT--ALL RIGHT. I NEVER GET ANY PEACE. NEIL, YOU SAY? SOUNDS LIKE COURT-MARTIAL FOR HIM.
1-26
HE WAS ALWAYS A SHIFTY ONE. IF IT HAD TO BE ANYONE, I'M GLAD IT WAS HIM. HE'S ALWAYS BORROWING MY RAZOR BLADES.
COLONEL DOOLITTLE FACES THE SAVAGE JUNGLE HORDES.
--AND I PROMISE YOU THAT ROARK AND CAPTAIN NEIL WILL BE TRIED BEFORE THE MILITARY COURT--FAIRLY AND HONESTLY --AND IF FOUND GUILTY, WILL BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO THEIR CRIMES.
1-27
BUT, MEMSAHIB PALMER, THE PHANTOM, THE GHOST WHO WALKS, SENT ME TO TELL YOU TO COME BACK.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU. IT'S ANOTHER OF ROARK'S TRICKS TO GET ME BACK! HE DID IT ONCE BEFORE.
THANKS FOR STOPPING.
ALWAYS CAN USE ANOTHER PASSENGER, MISS.
SO DIANA BOARDS THE FREIGHTER, READY TO SAIL OUT OF THE PHANTOM'S LIFE...
THAT SETTLES ROARK AND NEIL --AND THE PEACE OF THE JUNGLE FOR A WHILE. NOW--FOR DIANA!
NO, HER WOULDN'T COME. GOT ON BOAT. DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU SENT ME. THOUGHT WAS ROARK TRICK.
COME ON! GET GOING! WE MAY STILL CATCH HER!
1-28
TOO LATE--
HE'S BACK IN THOSE JUNGLES SOME PLACE--AND NEVER WANTS TO SEE ME AGAIN. Sniff--CAN'T BLAME HIM--Sniff--EVERY TIME I SHOW UP, IT MEANS TROUBLE FOR HIM--
NEXT WEEK= NEW ADVENTURE